

## REMARKS

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed January 9, 2008. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 14-17, 21-28, 32, 33, 38, 39, 43-45, 47, 48, 54 and 61-63 were last presented for examination. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 14-17, 21-28, 32, 33, 38, 39, 43-45, 47, 48, 54 and 61-63 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-nine (39) claims, three (3) claims (claims 1, 21, and 43) are independent claims. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

### *Election/Restriction*

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following three (3) species of a generic invention.

*Species IA.* Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-17 drawn to a method of forming and connecting wire.

*Species IB.* Claims 21, 23-28, 32-33 and 38-39 drawn to a method of a linear path of wire conducting wire.

*Species IC.* Claims 22, 43-48, 54 and 61-63 drawn to a method of forming a device.

### *Election*

4. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Species IA, namely, claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-17.

5. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

6. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

***Conclusion***

7. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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